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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 53(b)

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-Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a
 continuation/ divisional
 of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:
 Inventor: Michael J. SHEA
 Serial No. 09/317,980
 Filed: May 25, 1999
 For: EXERCISE APPARATUS

Ref.: EX-2DC4

 Date: April 3, 2000
 Group: 3764
 Examiner: TBA

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 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

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Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or <input type="checkbox"/> already filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> already filed in _____ Filed _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed --		
<input type="checkbox"/> The prior application is assigned to _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney has been granted to _____, Reg. No. _____ of _____		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address all future communications to: Michael J. Shea, 1726 Creek Crossing Road, Vienna, Virginia 22182.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a _____ of application Serial No. _____, filed _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> "Small entity" statement of record. <input type="checkbox"/> "Small entity" statement attached.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure copendency.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment <u>prior</u> to calculation of filing fee:		
<input type="checkbox"/> The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.		

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee.....	\$ 690.00
Total effective claims 5 - 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims 1 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 78.00	\$ 0.00
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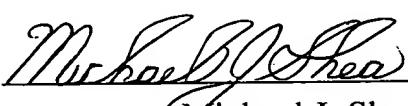
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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Enclosed are nine (9) sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-9) for the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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